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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: YEDIOT AHARONOT'S LATEST SURVEY, PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S EDITION, SHOWS THE ALIGNMENT RUNNING NECK-AND-NECK WITH THE LIKUD. THE POLL WAS TAKEN "IN THE LATTER HALF OF JANUARY" AND SHOWS THE ALIGNMENT GARINING OVER THE YEDIOT TALLY TAKEN IN LATE DECEMBER.

2. THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AMONG A SAMPLING OF THE JEWISH POPULATION, BUT EXCLUDED RESIDENTS OF "WORKING SETTLEMENTS" (READ KIBBUTZIM AND MOSHAVIM). IT ASKED THE QUESTION "IF THE KNESSET ELECTION HAD BEEN HELD TODAY, WHICH LIST WOULD YOU HAVE VOTED FOR?" TRANSLATED INTO KNESSET SEATS AND ASSUMING ARAB REPRESENTATION AT SEVEN SEATS (RAKAH AND MINORITY LISTS), THE RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS: ALIGNMENT - 35; LIKUD -35; YADIN - 19; NRP -9; SHARON -6; TORAH  
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3. AS IN TH PRIVIOUS SAMPLINGS, THE RESULTS ARE INTERESTING FOR WHAT IS REVEALED ABOUT THE INDECIDED VOTE (28 PERCENT) AND THOSE REFUSING TO ANSWER (11 PERCENT). NEARLY HALF OF THESE VOTED FOR THE ALIGNMENT IN 1973 AND 21 PERCENT VOTED FOR THE LIKUD. STATED ANOTHER WAY, OF 1973

ALIGNMENT VOTERS, 30 PERCENT HAVE NOT YET MADE UP THEIR MINDS AND OF 1973 LIKUD VOTERS, 19 PERCENT ARE STILL UNDECIDED.

4. FORTY-ONE PERCENT OF YADIN'S SUPPORTERS VOTED FOR THE ALIGNMENT PREVIOUSLY AND LESS THAN 30 PERCENT FOR THE LIKUD. JUST UNDER 60 PERCENT OF SHARON'S SUPPORT CAME FROM FORMER LIKUD VOTERS AND 20 PERCENT FROM FORMER ALIGNMANE VOTERS.

5. A PARALLEL POLL ADKING THE QUESTION "WHO WOULD YOU SAY IS BETTER SUITED TO BE PRIME MINISTER--RABIN, PERES, OR EBAN" GAVE THESE RESULTS: RABIN - 31 PERCENT; PERES - 41 PERCENT; EBAN - 6 PERCENT. AMONG THOSE IN THE SAMPLE WHO INDICATED SUPPORT FOR THE ALIGNMENT IN THE PARTY PREFERENCE POLL, RABIN RECEIVED 52 PERCENT, PERES 35 PERCENT AND EBAN 6 PERCENT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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COMMENT: WE MUST CAUTION THAT THE QUALIFICATIONS EXPLAINED IN PARA 2 ABOVE DETRACT FROM THE POLL AS AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE ELECTORATE. IN ANALYZING THE RESULTS, THE LARGE NUMBER OF TRADITIONAL VOTERS AMONG THE "UNDECIDED" AND "REFUSE TO ANSWER" CATEGORIES INDICATE THAT THE ALIGNMENT HAS ITS WORK CUT OUT FOR IT. PERHAPS THE ONE BIG SURPRISE IN THIS LATEST SURVEY IS THE ALIGNMENT'S GAIN, HOWEVER SMALL, OVER THE DECEMBER POLL DESPITE THE INTERVENING OFER TRAGEDY. DUNNIGAN

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